

48th Fighter Wing Award Winners

Award winners

□ **Capt. Ken Carpenter**, 494th Fighter Squadron, is the 48th Operations Group Anthony C. Shine Award nominee. The award recognizes a fighter pilot who demonstrates exceptional flying proficiency and professionalism, as well as involvement in the local community.

□ **Capt. Stu Johnson**, 48th Operations Support Squadron, is the 48th Operations Group Aviator of the Year.

□ **Capt. Dean Gerken**, 492nd Fighter Squadron, is the 48th Operations Group Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault Award nominee. The award recognizes the outstanding fighter tactician of the Combat Air Forces and his or her impact the combat capacity and readiness of the CAF.

□ **MSgt. Dave Gilmore**, 5th Space Surveillance Squadron, was selected to attend Officer Training School.

□ **Capt. Bruce Edwards**, 492nd Fighter Squadron, is the 1996 USAFE Malcolm C. Grow Flight Surgeon of the Year Award winner.

□ **SMSgt. Steven Crocker**, 48th Operations Support Squadron, is the USAFE Air Traffic Controller Enlisted Manager of the Year.

□ **MSgt. Glenn Cobb**, 48th Operations Support Squadron, is the USAFE Airfield Management NCO of the Year.

□ **MSgt. Billy Harris**, 48th Fighter Wing, is the USAFE nominee for the Air Force Heritage Project Award.

□ **SSgt. John Smith**, 48th Communications Squadron, received an honorable mention for posters in the USAFE Visual Information Product Contest for "Fighting for a Dream."

TSgt. Ed Branch, 48th CS, received an honorable mention for illustrations for "Combating Computer Viruses." **Branch** also received an honorable mention for experimental and mixed media for "Aviano Civic Leaders Tour."

□ **Capt. Thomas Bacon** is the USAFE Pharmacist of the Year. **MSgt. James Brinley** is the USAFE Senior NCO Pharmacy Technician of the Year. **SSgt. Janet Suleski** is the USAFE NCO Pharmacy Technician of the Year. **SrA. Cheryl Washington-Smith** is the USAFE Airman Pharmacy Technician of the Year.

□ **TSgt. Victor Weeden** is the USAFE Outstanding Bioenvironmental Engineering NCO of the Year.

□ **The Liberty Peacekeepers** were named the USAFE Security Police Outstanding Large Unit for 1996.

□ The 48th Security Police Squadron annual award winners were: **Capt. Travis Harsha** – Outstanding Security Police Company Grade Officer; **MSgt. Michael Sydney** – Outstanding Security Police Senior NCO; **TSgt. Aaron George** – Outstanding Security Policy NCO for law enforcement; **TSgt. Scott Ruecker** – Outstanding Security Policy NCO for security; **SrA. Regina Wilson** – Outstanding Security Police Airman for law enforcement; **SrA. John Nick** – Outstanding Security Police Airman for security; **MSgt. Tony Legg** – Outstanding Active Component Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Manager; **SrA. Jeffrey Oyer** – Outstanding Active Component Combat Arms Training and Maintenance

Technician; **SrA. Darcy Peck** – Outstanding Active Component Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Airman; and **MSgt. Dean McCleod** – Billy Jack Carter Award for Outstanding Achievement.

□ **Lt. Col. Kevin Andersen** is the USAFE Outstanding Security Police Field Grade Officer. **TSgt. Aaron George** is the USAFE Outstanding Security Police NCO in law enforcement. **SrA. John Nick** is the USAFE Outstanding Security Police Airman in security. **SrA. Mick Brann** is the USAFE Outstanding Active Component Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Airman for 1996.

□ The **48th Services Squadron** is the USAFE General Curtis E. Lemay Award winner, which means they are the best services squadron in USAFE. They proceed to the Air Force level.

□ **The 493rd Fighter Squadron "Grim Reapers"** are the USAFE nominee for the Hughes Trophy competition. The trophy recognizes the best Air Force air superiority fighter squadron.

□ **Capt. William DeMaso**, 492nd Fighter Squadron, is the 48th Operations Group nomination for the Col. James Jabara Award. The award is presented annually to the Air Force Academy graduate who has a record of superior performance.

□ **The 492nd Fighter Squadron "Mad-hatters"** are the 48th Fighter Wing's Fighter Squadron of the Year for 1996. They will compete at USAFE for the USAFE Commander's Trophy, Outstanding Fighter Squadron.

April enlisted promotions

To senior master sergeant

Francis Imlay, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Robert Murphy**, 48th Communications Squadron; and **Kenneth Stahura**, 493rd Fighter Squadron.

To master sergeant

Kalvin Bland, 492nd FS; **Timothy Downey**, 48th Security Police Squadron; **Gussie Duncan**, 48th SPS; **Daryl Jenkins**, 492nd FS; **Don Leech**, 493rd FS; **Kyle Marchant**, 48th Medical Operations Squadron; and **Ronald Pinson**, 48th Medical Support Squadron.

To technical sergeant

William Ackerman, 48th Supply

Squadron; **Troy Davis**, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Daniel Frazier**, 48th Transportation Squadron; **Elton Harris**, 48th SUPS; **Terele Kincade**, 48th Fighter Wing; **Dennis Knighten**, 48th SPS; **Richard Nitsche**, 48th MDOS; **John Swindell**, 48th Logistics Support Squadron; **Samuel Treat**, 48th SPS; **Calvin Williams**, 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 4; and **Michael Wisniewski**, 18th IS, Det. 4.

To staff sergeant

John Bersch, 48th CES; **George Cannata**, 493rd FS; **Lisa Fecteau**, 48th Dental Squadron; **William Hamby**, 48th SUPS; **Dean Holloway**, 48th MDOS; **Robinson Joseph**, 48th SUPS; **James Leslie**, 493rd FS; **Joseph**

Pyle, 48th TRANS; **Michael Schnable**, 48th SPS; and **Michael Wilson**, 48th EMS.

To senior airman, below-the-zone

David Kalal, 48th CS; **Vaughn Rains**, 48th SPS; **Penny Trantina**, 48th Operations Support Squadron; and **Mica Wren**, 48th EMS.

To senior airman

Katasha Baer, 493rd FS; **Alan Bailey**, 48th SPS; **Christiane Behnke**, 48th CES; **Ronald Cannon**, 48th TRANS; **Lucien Carroll**, 492nd FS; **Norman Chalfant**, 493rd

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